DAU News

DAU Wins Award for Learning Strategy

On 20 Sep 2012, at the 10th Annual Chief Learning Officer Conference, Dr. James McMichael, Acting President, DAU, accepted the Gold Award for Learning Strategy in recognition of the DAU Learning & Technology Roadmap 2012-2015. Gold, silver, and bronze Learning In Practice awards are given annually to practitioners and providers in recognition of excellence in learning and employee development.

DAU Hosts SLAT Conference

The Senior Leaders Acquisition Training Conference theme was "Better Buying Power 2.0: Continuing the Pursuit for Greater Efficiency and Productivity in Defense Spending." Presentation materials are now available. Key note speakers included the Hon. Frank Kendall USD(AT&L), the Hon. Robert Hale USD(Comptroller), and Brig. Gen. Richard Stapp (J8). In addition, multiple plenary and breakout sessions, focused on improving DoD acquisition, were part of the conference. The inaugural SLAT conference was held 14-15 Nov. For more information, contact John Mueller, john.mueller@dau.mil or 703-805-3445.

ARRT v2.0

We are pleased to announce the recent launch of the latest releases of the Service Acquisition Mall (v4.5) and the Acquisition Requirements Roadmap Training (ARRT) tool (v2.0). Both of these DAU-hosted learning assets/job aids support both the acquisition and the functional services workforces conduct of service acquisitions. The ARRT tool is designed to provide service acquisition teams with a structured and proven process for developing complete Performance Work Statements and Quality Assurance Surveillance Plans. DAU has changed the deployment concept for the ARRT tool so that it may be downloaded.

ARRT CoP members who downloaded earlier versions within the ARRT CoP will need to provide simplified one-time registration information in order to download version 2.0. Questions concerning the ARRT tool may be submitted by any of the following methods:

1. Via the SAM "Contact Us" page
2. Send an email to arrt@dau.mil
3. Use the ARRT CoP "Ask a Question" tab

SAM was created in 2009, and ARRT was first launched in August 2011. A recent survey of ARRT users found that 80% said they developed more accurate requirements using ARRT and 61% said the tool enables them to develop requirements faster. ARRT is introduced to attendees of DAU courses CON 280 and COR 222. Additionally, more in-depth training of the ARRT is covered in ACQ 265 and in the targeted training offerings, Service Acquisition Workshop (TTC 014) and Developing Performance Requirements for Services Acquisitions (TTM 008).

New IPS Element Resources Now Available

Great news! In addition to the Dec 2011 PDF version of the Integrated Product Support (IPS) Element Guidebook previously available on the DAU Logistics CoP Product Support Guidance website, a new, enhanced Web-based version similar in look and feel to that of the Defense Acquisition Guidebook (DAG), has been launched and is available for defense acquisition workforce use. Additionally, a companion continuous learning module CLL 046, "The Twelve Integrated Product Support (IPS) Elements," has also gone live and is available for student registration. According to the DAU iCatalog, "this continuous learning module provides guidance on the 12 IPS Elements reflected in the DoD Product Support Manager Guidebook and the IPS Element Guidebook. It defines the Elements, their purpose, and how they are developed, integrated, and implemented throughout the life cycle. It also gives an introduction to the IPS Elements Guidebook and how to apply it to product support." Read more>>

New Overseas Contingency Operations CoP

DAU has recently launched a new community: The Overseas Contingency Operations Acquisition History & Lessons Learned CoP is designed as a consolidation of overseas contingency acquisition, or acquisition-related lessons learned, policies, regulations, special assessments, and news articles regarding Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. The OCO CoP also has two searchable filters for related Congressional Report Services documents and GAO reports. The OCO CoP can be accessed by ACC members who are government employees.

For information or assistance: **acc@dau.mil**

For user training: **https://acc.dau.mil/usertraining**

EDITORS TIP: Editors, now is a good time to scrub your content for relevancy and currency. Keeping your site fresh will keep your users coming back.

Better Buying Power 2.0

On 13 Nov 2012, Dr. Ashton Carter, Deputy Secretary of Defense, and Mr. Frank Kendall, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, held a press briefing to introduce a preliminary version of Better Buying Power (BBP) 2.0. BBP 2.0 marks a milestone in the Department's continuing effort to deliver better value to the taxpayer and Warfighter by improving the way the Department does business.

BBP 2.0 Memorandum

BBP Fact Sheet

Today's introduction marks the start of a two-month period during which stakeholders in industry and government (including the workforce) will have the opportunity to review and comment on the preliminary version of BBP 2.0. Mr. Kendall will hold further engagements with elements of these stakeholders over the coming days. These include briefings with industry executives, a presentation at the Senior Leaders' Acquisition Training Conference, and an OUSD(AT&L) All-Hands briefing. During these engagements, Mr. Kendall will discuss progress made with the original BBP initiatives and provide background behind the transition to a new set.

Further background on BBP 2.0 is provided in the attached USD(AT&L) memorandum to the acquisition workforce, which includes two attachments. A fact sheet on BBP 2.0 is also attached. Once you have had the opportunity to gain an understanding of the revised initiatives, you are encouraged to provide feedback, which you may send to the following e-mail address: BetterBuyingPower@osd.mil.

DoD IPS Implementation Roadmap Now Available

The DAU and the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Materiel Readiness are pleased to announce the launch of a new joint-service, interdisciplinary Web-based DoD Integrated Product Support Implementation Roadmap resource for the defense acquisition workforce. The Roadmap will provide invaluable information and support to Product Support Managers (PSM), Life Cycle Logisticians, and the Program Managers and the programs that they support.

The Roadmap is Web accessible, with links to over 2500 knowledge items, including policy, guidance, references, continuous learning modules, Service-specific links, and other cross-functional tools and references. The Roadmap identifies activities and outputs for the 12 integrated product support (IPS) elements over the total life cycle. It also provides links to major program key events/products and logistics, program, and technical reviews.

The Roadmap will save the workforce hours of searching for the latest information relating to the new product support initiatives. It provides easy access to the Life Cycle Sustainment Plan (LCSP) Outline, checklists for Logistics Assessments and for the preparation of technical reviews, and quick access to the new DAG and guidebooks. It will better assist their Program Manager to achieve the milestone decisions required for their programs. It links to the Milestone Document Identification (MDID) tool, enabling the user to filter by ACAT and acquisition phase. It will help the workforce to identify the importance of timely integration of product support elements to stay within program schedules and cost and build the best product support package in support of our warfighters.

New/Unanswered Questions on ACC

Please provide a response if you can [login required]:

- Life Cycle Logistics Chart: What does SS stand for when it is used in the outline for Disposal Plan?
- DoD Wireless KM: Is there any DoD guidance specifically related to the use of a Commercial ISP to create a wireless network for use in a training environment?
- Life Cycle Logistics: What spec or Mil-Std defines what a mandatory replacement part is?
- Life Cycle Logistics: Does anyone know what the Standard 10 Line NATO UXO Report lines are or where I can find them?

Upcoming Events

- Acquisition Excellence 2013: The Intersection of Innovation and Transformation, 21 Mar 2013 @ Washington, DC